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**FEDERAL GRAND JURY INDICTS CHICAGO AREA PAIR
WITH OBTAINING FIREARMS ILLEGALLY**

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, announced today that a federal Grand Jury in Paducah, Kentucky, returned an Indictment charging **STACY WALLEN**, age 26, of Princeton, Kentucky, AND **CHARLES E. JOHNSON**, age 27, of Chicago, Illinois, with aiding and abetting each other in the acquisition of firearms from a licensed dealer by making false statements which were intended to deceive the dealer.

The Indictment charges that on four occasions from June 2003 to November 2003, **Wallen**, aided and abetted by **Johnson**, purchased approximately thirteen firearms from an area gun dealer in Caldwell County, Kentucky. In acquiring the guns, **Wallen** completed the paperwork indicating she was the actual buyer of the guns when, in fact, **Johnson** was the actual buyer.

If convicted, the combined maximum potential penalties are 40 years imprisonment, a \$1,000,000 fine, and 3 years of supervised release following incarceration.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Michele Thielhorn, and it was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

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Wallen and **Johnson** are scheduled to appear for arraignment before the United States Magistrate Judge on September 6, 2005, at 1:30 p.m., in Paducah, Kentucky.

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